

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending with claims 1, 8, 15 and 16 being independent. Claims 1, 8, 15, and 16 have been amended to recite "a sealing material surrounding the first pixel portion, the second pixel portion, and the driver circuit". Claims 4, 11, 17 and 21 have been amended for clarification and claims 29-32 have been amended for consistency with claims 4, 11, 17 and 21. Support for the amendments to the independent claims may be found in the application at Fig. 6A and page 12, lines 14-26, which show a sealing material 6001 surrounding a first pixel portion 6010, a second pixel portion 6020 and a driver circuit 6011. No new matter has been introduced.

Claims 1-14 and 29-30 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Yamazaki (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0055384) in view of Kota (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0044782). Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because neither Yamazaki, Kota, nor any proper combination of the two describes or suggests that the first pixel portion, the second pixel portion, and the driver circuit are formed over a substrate and surrounded by a sealing material, as recited in each of independent claims 1 and 8.

Claims 15-28, 31 and 32 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Yamazaki in view of Kota and Yamanaka (U.S. Patent No. 6,304,309). Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Yamanaka does not remedy the failure of Yamazaki and Kota to describe or suggest that the first pixel portion, the second pixel portion, and the driver circuit are formed over a substrate and surrounded by a sealing material, as recited in each of independent claims 15 and 16.

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.

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